

programs under section 303, and the section 401 State water quality certification process."

This issue is not about whether our water resources should be protected or not, which is often the spin on this issue. It is about whether the authority to regulate certain types of waters should lie with the federal government or should be retained by the states. WACD's comments reflect the opinion that, on those waters falling outside of the traditional "navigable," interstate waters' realm should be regulated by the states. It has been our experience that those closest to the issue are typically most knowledgeable and capable of commonsense, cost effective approaches to resource protection and management.

WACD and the conservation districts have a solid record of projects that do successfully protect water quality in a commonsense, cost effective approach that benefits all water users and the state. The EPA's 2011 draft guidance document hinders our ability to continue this mission by oftentimes placing districts in a position of reacting to federally driven requirements and priorities versus the highest priority resource issues in our communities.

Thanks to Senator Barrasso for his diligent efforts on this issue. We appreciate his work to ensure that the federal agencies don't try to evade the appropriate processes and expand their authorities.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### REMEMBERING TOM WILLIAMS, JR.

• Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, today I wish to remember a great man and a wonderful friend, Mr. Tom Williams, Jr. Mr. Williams passed away on June 21, 2011, in Scottsdale, AZ, and leaves behind his wife Gloria; son Tom Williams, III; daughter Nicol Williams-Pruitt; son-in-law Jason Pruitt; and grandson Nicolas Pruitt. To Mr. Williams' family, please accept my condolences for your loss.

Mr. Williams and I met through a shared passion for the advancement of America's small businesses. In fact, Mr. Williams started his own small business in 1982 in Oakland, CA, an accounting firm called Williams, Adley & Company. In the beginning, Williams and Adley were the only two employees, but over the next few decades, they grew to be a three-office firm with two locations in California and one in Washington, DC. The firm now boasts over 100 employees.

In addition to his professional success, Mr. Williams has been a champion for small business-friendly legislation. He was a leader in changing the size standards for the accounting industry and fought tirelessly to improve access for small accounting firms to government contracts. Similarly, my colleagues in the Senate may remember language in the Small Business Jobs Act mandating annual reviews of the accounting firm size standards, a provision suggested by Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams was also a pillar in his community. He helped establish the San Francisco Chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants,

NABA, served in a number of NABA positions, including president, and was awarded their Small Business Entrepreneur of the Year Award. He was also an active member of the California Society of Public Accountants.

But perhaps the best description of Mr. Williams comes from the motto of the very company he created: "Good people, doing great things." Mr. Williams, you were indeed a good person who did great things. I sincerely thank you for all of your contributions. •

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1315. An act to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to strengthen the review authority of the Financial Stability Oversight Council of regulations issued by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, to rescind the unobligated funding for the FHA Refinance Program and to terminate the program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2551. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1315. An act to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to strengthen the review authority of the Financial Stability Oversight Council of regulations issued by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, to rescind the unobligated funding for the FHA Refinance Program and to terminate the program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2551. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2553. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany S. 968, a bill to prevent online threats to economic creativity and theft of intellectual property, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-39).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 27. A bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market.

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 846. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 80 Lafayette Street in Jefferson City, Missouri, as the Christopher S. Bond United States Courthouse.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1406. A bill to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 510 19th Street, Bakersfield, California, as the Myron Donovan Crocker United States Courthouse; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1407. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish accreditation requirements for suppliers and providers of air ambulance services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1408. A bill to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing sensitive personally identifiable information, to disclose any breach of such information; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts):

S. 1409. A bill to intensify efforts to identify, prevent, and recover payment error, waste, fraud, and abuse within Federal spending; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CASEY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WARNER, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr.